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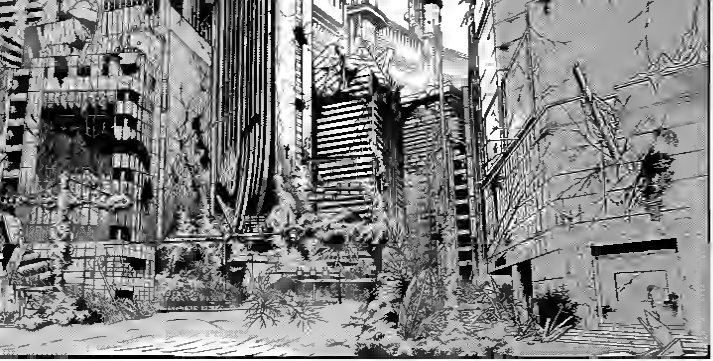

HM-MM.
GIVE ME A SECOND, YUU!

HEEEY, YOICHI.
HOW'S IT? SEE ANY MONSTERS?

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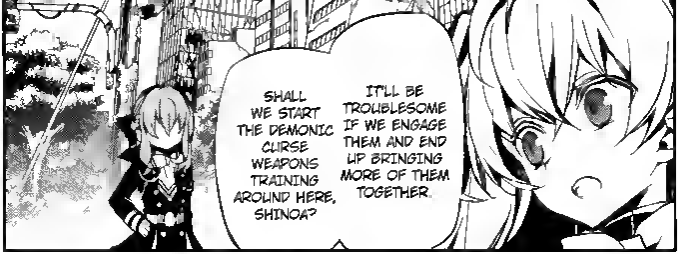
# CHAPTER 19 - THE CAUSE OF THE MADNESS

WE'LL FACE THREE HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE IF WE KEEP GOING.
THAT'S WHAT HE SAYS.
WHAT NOW? WE KILL THEM?


IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME IF WE ENGAGE THEM AND END UP BRINGING MORE OF THEM TOGETHER.
SHALL WE START THE DEMONIC CURSE WEAPONS TRAINING AROUND HERE, SHINOA?

AH, CRAP.
SO I WANTED TO GET A LITTLE BIT FARTHER FROM THE CITY...
HMM, THERE'S A CHANCE WE'LL DESTROY THE SURROUNDING AREA IF WE START HERE.

OH. SO WE'LL FIGHT THEM AFTER ALL?
THEN LET'S GET TO IT!
ONE OF THEM NOTICED.
OH?
ALL OF THEM NOTICED US.
THEY'RE COMING TO ATTACK.
AH... BUT...

IF YOU LET ME KILL THEM,
THEN I'LL FINISH THEM ALL OFF.

HAA
YEAH, PROBABLY
IF I DO IT AT THIS DISTANCE...
YOU'RE UNUSUALLY FULL OF YOURSELF... YOU'RE SAYING YOU'LL DO THIS ALONE?
.....
STRIKE THE ENEMY, GEKKOUIN.
I'LL PROTECT EVERY-ONE.
HM?
OH, IMPRES-SIVE.
WE DIDN'T EVEN TEACH HIM AND HE'S ALREADY ABLE TO MATERIALIZE HIS DEMON...

YOU'RE AMAZING! HOW THE HELL DID YOU DO THAT!?
WELL, IT'S USUALLY IMPOSSIBLE, BUT THERE IT IS.
FOR REAL?
AHHH NO, YOICHI HAS ALWAYS HAD AN UNUSUALLY HIGH ABILITY TO CONTROL DEMONIC CURSES.
SO IT LOOKS LIKE HE LEARNED IT BY HIMSELF~
WAS HE THE ONLY ONE YOU TRAINED !?
HEY, SHINOA, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
WHY'S HE ALREADY ABLE TO MATERIALIZE HIS DEMON!?
HUH?
...OH, YEAH, I DID.
DID YOU JUST BRING YOUR DEMON OUT!?
I DID IT, EVERY-ONE!
HEY

WELL,
IT'S NOTHING THAT IMPRESSIVE, BUT...
I TALKED A LOT WITH THE DEMON WHILE I WAS ASLEEP
SO I JUST SORT OF BECAME ABLE TO USE IT..
BUT IF IT'S FINE TO ASK THAT KIND OF STUFF...
HEY, ASHURAMARU, WHAT COLOR DO YOU LIKE?
I GUESS
HMM YESTERDAY WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT COLOR WE LIKED
WHAT DO YOU EVEN TALK ABOUT WITH YOUR DEMON?
THE HELL? THAT'S NOT INTERESTING AT ALL
SAY WHAT? MY DEMON NEVER APPEARS IF IT'S NOT TO TAKE OVER ME
HUH, REALLY?
SILEENCE

CAN YOU ALREADY SPEAK WITH YOUR DEMON FREELY!?
HAH!?
HUH?
DON'T IGNORE MEEEE EEEE!!!
NO I AH...
FOR YOU TO ACT SO HIGH AND MIGHTY, YOU MUST BE ALREADY ABLE TO DO IT, HUH!?
O-OF COURSE!
HE'S AS LOUD AS USUAL
THEN TRY IT!
OH! OH!
YOU JUST LIED, DIDN'T YOU?
NO I DIDN'T!
THIS IS SO STUPID...
HUH?
THEN... LOOK.
HEY, KISEKI-OU, ANSWER ME.
WHAT COLOR DO YOU LIKE?

SILEENCE
チラ
SEE!!?
WIPE THAT GRIN OFF YOUR FACE!!
DON'T TOUCH ME
WHICH MEANS THAT WE'RE PARTNERS IN FAILURE
I MEAN, I CAN'T DO IT EITHER
AH, NO, I'M NOT BLAMING YOU.

ALRIGHT, THEN WE MIGHT AS WELL START IT HERE.
MIC-CHAN?
ANYWAY
HURRY UP AND START THE TRAINING, SHINOA
I'VE GOT NO COMPLAINTS.
WE SHOULD BE FINE AT THIS DISTANCE...
WELL, IF NOTHING ELSE, THEIR DEMONIC CURSE WEAPONS ARE RIDICULOUSLY STRONG...
...MAD?
SO IT IS GOING TO BE PRETTY SCARY IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG AND THEIR DEMONS GO MAD...

HM?
WHAT'S UP?
IT'S NOTHING.
...OKAY,
LET'S START THE LECTURE ON HOW TO REALLY USE YOUR DEMONIC CURSE WEAPONS.

I NEED TO HAVE THE POWER...
TO SAVE MICH, MY FAMILY, RIGHT NOW.
YOU NEED TO TAKE YOUR TIME TO GET USED TO YOUR DEMONIC CURSE WEAPON OR YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE DEMON.
NORMALLY, IT'D TAKE AROUND HALF A YEAR TO GRADUALLY...
WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF TIME.
FINALLY!!
BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU TEACH US EARLIER?
BUT...

AND YOICHI IS THE RARE SELF-TAUGHT PERSON-
THAT'S WHAT LIEUTENANT COLONEL GUREN HAD CONCLUDED
YOU AND KIMIDZUKI HAVE TALENT, SO YOU'RE ALREADY FINE AS YOU ARE.
NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
SO I'M SURE YOU'LL LEARN IT SOON.
BUT YUU AND KIMIDZUKI ARE WAY STRONGER THAN ME,
I'M NOT ALL THAT GREAT
EHE HE
NAH
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY AMAZING, DUDE
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THAT EASY.
YUU AND KIMIDZUKI ARE SO STRONG IN JUST RAW POWER ALONE THAT IT'S LIKE NOTHING GOES THROUGH THEIR HEADS.
PRAISING YOU.
MICCHAN WAS JUST
DON'T TAKE IT BADLY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HUH?

PLUS, THEY HAVE GREAT STRENGTH,
SO THE FEROCIOUS TYPE OF DEMON WON'T JUST LISTEN TO WHATEVER YOU SAY.
AND THAT TYPE...
IS THE TYPE THAT WILL TRY TO POSSESS ITS USER...
AND IT'S VERY COMMON FOR THEM TO ENGAGE WITH THEIR USER IN CLOSE COMBAT TO DISPLAY ITS MIGHT
THEN MY DEMON AND YUU'S...
ARE PROBABLY THE SAME TYPE AS LIEUTENANT COLONEL GUREN'S.
THE POSSESSING TYPE.
AND WHILE THE POSSESSING TYPE HAS A LOT OF POWER, IT IS ALSO INCONVENIENT.

..BECAUSE MAKING THE WEAPON APPEAR AND DISAPPEAR
ISN'T ALL THAT SIMPLE
HM?
WAS THAT THE KIND OF THING THAT COULD DISAPPEAR?
THEN WAS I ALWAYS CARRYING THIS HUGE THING AROUND WITH ME?
IF IT W..ISN'T,

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
WHEN A DEMON'S MALICE IS TOO HIGH,
IT'S VERY FEROCIOUS, SO IT WON'T DISAPPEAR EASILY
MA-LICE, HUH
YOU'VE GOT ONE BAD PERSONALITY THERE, ASHURAMARU.
THERE'S A HIGHER RISK IN CONTROLLING MUCH STRONGER DEMON CURSES TOO
IF YOU MAKE ONE WRONG MOVE, YOU MIGHT END UP GOING MAD..
SO WE'VE COME THIS FAR FROM THE CITY SO AS TO NOT BRING TROUBLE TO OUR SURROUNDINGS.
I SEE ..
NOW THEN,
IT'S TIME FOR THE NEXT STEP.
YUUUUU~

COULD YOU FIGHT MICCHAN FOR A BIT...
...TO SEE WHO IS STRONGER?
HUH?
OKAY, YUU.
BUT..
I'LL LET YOU PRACTICE WITH ME.
WE'LL FIGHT WHILE KEEPING THIS DISTANCE
WAIT, BUT IF YOU GET THAT FAR...
OKAY, HERE I COME!
COME OUT, TENJIRYUU!

HAH!
THE HECK!?
YOU CAN ATTACK FROM THAT FAR AWAY!?
ヒュウ
カカ
HEY, NOTHING IS...
...HM?

WHOA!
HOLD ON...!!
ALRIGHT, AN OPENING~

LET'S DO THIS, ASHURA-MARU.
LEND ME YOUR POWER.
NO WAY!!?
UWAAH, YOU COMPLETELY DEALT WITH ALL OF THEM...
WHAT A MON-STER.

SO,
WELL,
AFTER YOU'VE SHOWN ME SOMETHING THAT UNBELIEVABLE IT DOESN'T MAKE ME HAPPY AT ALL...
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, MITSUBA!
HMM, BUT THAT WAS KINDA DANGEROUS.
WHAT MICCHAN JUST SHOWED YOU WAS THE DEMON MATERIALIZATION
IT'S THE TYPE THAT LETS THE DEMON USE ITS SPECIAL ABILITY
OOH!
BUT IF YOU HAD THAT KIND OF POWER,
WHY DIDN'T YOU USE IT DURING OUR FIGHT WITH THE VAMPIRES?
OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT
WHY?

AH...
I'LL SHOW YOU
ONCE THE DEMON LEAVES THE BODY, THE DEMONIC CURSE CONCENTRATION IN OUR BODIES GOES DOWN, SO THE HOST GETS WEAK...
BECAUSE WE CAN'T LET IT OUT.
YUU,
PLEASE FORCE YOUR SWORD AGAINST MY SCYTHE.
HM?
LIKE THIS?
CLINK
ALRIGHT, THEN I'LL MATERIALIZE MY DEMON TOOOO
COME OUT, SHII-CHAN.
제제제...

WAH!!
UWAH-
SORRY, SHINOA!
うる
うる
YOU'RE A JERK, YUU.
SHINOA'S STUPID LITTLE ACTING ASIDE,
BASICALLY, WHAT THAT MEANS IS...

USER
DEMON
LETS OUT
⊖ WEAKENS
⊕ SPECIAL ABILITY
AND WHAT'S MORE, THE DEMONS ALSO HAVE DIFFERENT, UNIQUE CONDITIONS.
BUT OUR BODIES GET WEAK
IF WE LET OUR DEMONS OUT, WE CAN USE ITS SPECIAL ABILITY.
YOICHI'S PROBABLY SHOWS THE MOST POWER AT LONG RANGE,
SHINOA AT MIDDLE RANGE,
BUT...
AND MINE AT CLOSE RANGE

IS THAT WHY YOU AVOID USING THE MATERIALIZATION?
BECOMING WEAK IN CLOSE COMBAT CAN BE FATAL, RIGHT?
IF WE'RE TAKING ON VAMPIRES WHO HAVE HIGH PHYSICAL STRENGTH,

IF WE HAVE A KNIGHT WHO'LL PROTECT US AT REALLY CLOSE DISTANCES..
NO.
WELL, IT'S ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS

SO WE JUST HAVE TO DO THAT?
KIMIDZUKI AND I WILL PROTECT OUR TEAM
IF WE DO THAT, WE CAN GET MUCH STRONGER...
IS THAT IT?
AHAHA, YES IT IS.
AS LONG AS YOU TWO BECOME OUR KNIGHTS...

MOVING ON TO THE NEXT STEP
NOW THAT YOU'VE LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT THE MATERIALIZATION,
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE POSSESSION NOW
BUT STILL, WHAT YUU DID JUST NOW WAS KINDA SIMILAR TO A POSSESSION.

JUST NOW, WHEN?
WHEN YOU COMPLETELY CUT MY DEMONS DOWN.
HMMM, LET'S SEE...
AL-RIGHT
OH, THAT...
THAT'S POSSESSION?
NO, WE'LL GO A STEP FURTHER FROM THAT
TRY DOING WHAT YOU DID JUST THEN ONCE MORE
LEND ME YOUR POWER, ASHURAMARU.
AND JUST LIKE THAT, CUT YOUR OWN BODY...
... AND TRY TELLING YOUR WEAPON TO SUCK YOUR BLOOD

HUH? MY BLOOD?
THAT'S KIND OF... LIKE A VAMPIRE
WELL, VAMPIRES AND DEMONS ARE RELATED IN A MANY WAYS....
DO YOU WANT AN EXPLANATION?
THEN YOU GO LISTEN TO IT, YUU!
I'M GOING FIRST
AH... WAIT, HOLD ON, KIMIDZUKI!!
I'LL GO FIRST!!
NO, YOU CAN'T BOTH GO AT THE SAME TIME.
CLACK
HM?
WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE YOU GOING ON A RAMPAGE
IF ONE OF YOU FAILED
YUU JUST HAS TO STOP ME IN THAT CASE
I'M GOING FIRST!
GRAB

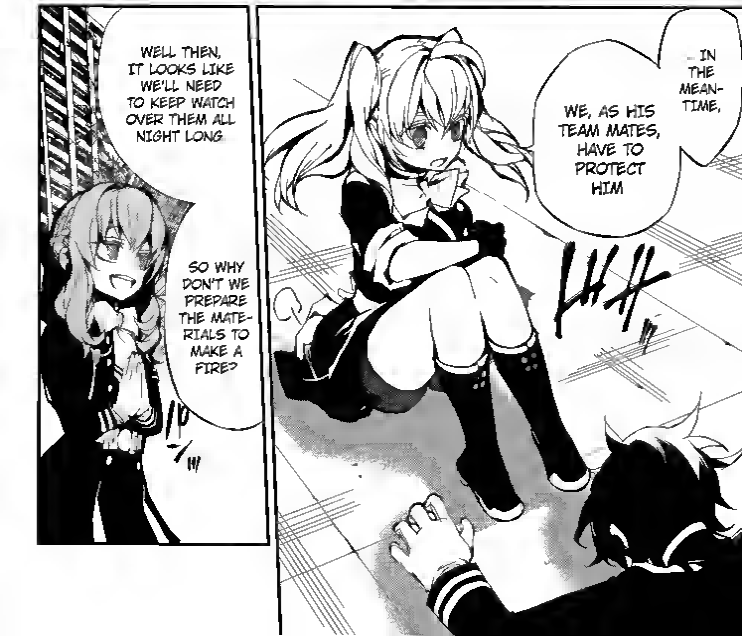
NOW SUCK MY BLOOD, ASHURA MARU!
DRIPS
UH... AH...
RUMBLE
LET'S GET STRON-GER!

HUH?
HUH?
IT STARTED!!!
TCH-
THAT'S PLAYING DIRTY, YUU!!
WELL THEEEEN, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN~
HE'LL GO MAD SOON!!
GET READY TO COMBAT!!

HH
GUUH,
UUU
UH...
UH.

...HUH?
YUU!?

...WHAT HAPPENED?
WILL HE GO MAD AGAIN?
WHO KNOWS? WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN RIGHT OFF THE BAT.
BUT IT'LL TAKE AROUND TWENTY HOURS UNTIL HE'S ABLE TO JOIN WITH THE DEMON.
TWENTY HOURS!!?
YES.
UNTIL THEN, HE MIGHT GO MAD AT ANY TIME, WHICH IS WHY WE CAN'T HAVE THIS TRAINING INSIDE THE CITY.
IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE.


...IN THE MEANTIME,
WE, AS HIS TEAM MATES, HAVE TO PROTECT HIM
WELL THEN, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL NEED TO KEEP WATCH OVER THEM ALL NIGHT LONG.
SO WHY DON'T WE PREPARE THE MATERIALS TO MAKE A FIRE?

CAN YOU LISTEN TO ME FOR A BIT?
HEY
WHAT IS IT?
YOU GUYS KEPT SAYING "COMRADES, COMRADES" FOR A WHILE NOW,
BUT HONESTLY SPEAKING,
I CAN'T TRUST THOSE WORDS AT ALL.
WERE QUESTIONED BY THE MILITARY TOP BRASS,
THOSE HIIRAGI GUYS.
YOICHI AND I...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

...SO, WHAT DID YOU ANSWER?
JUST LIKE YOU ORDERED US, I ACTED LIKE I DIDN'T KNOW A THING.
WAS THAT THE RIGHT CHOICE?
"WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT BATTLE-FIELD?" WAS WHAT THEY ASKED US
YES, IT WAS.
BUT FOR JUST HOW LONG SHOULD WE KEEP THIS SECRET?
ARE WE GOING TO KEEP LYING TO OUR COMRADE JUST LIKE THAT TOO?
I THOUGHT LIEUTENANT COLONEL GUREN WOULD EXPLAIN THIS,
BUT HE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HIS CONDITION OR WHY HE WENT MAD DURING THE WAR...
.....

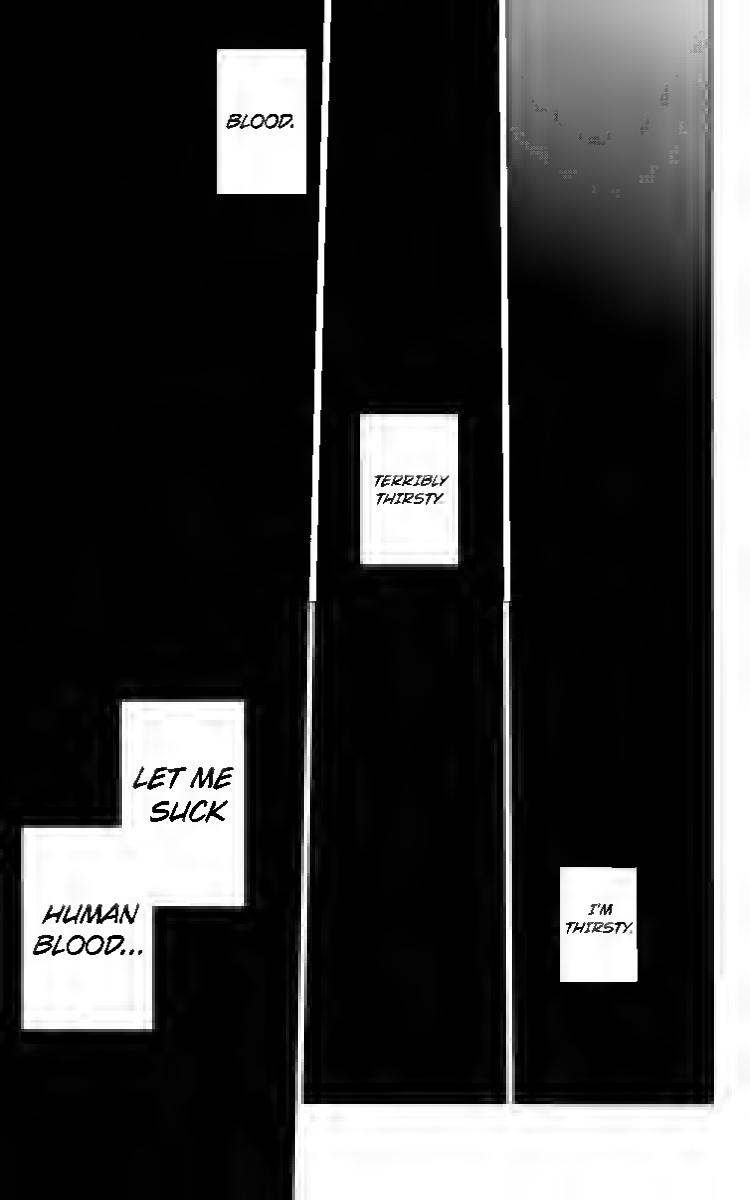
SHINOA.
YOU REALISE BY NOW...
THAT HE TRIED TO KILL YOU?
SO, TIME FOR A QUES-TION.
ARE WE REALLY COMRADES?
IF WE REALLY ARE,
THEN I'M GOING TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH ONCE HE COMES TO.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
TO MAKE USE OF YUU, THEN...
BUT IF THIS, US BEING COMRADES, IS JUST A FRONT
NOTHING
I NEED THE MONEY TO SAVE MY SISTER, SO I WON'T DO ANY MORE
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'LL BE COMRADES
I'M NOT GOING TO BE YOUR KNIGHT
I'LL BEAR THIS SICKNESS AND PLAY COMRADES WITH YOU.
SHINOA IS JUST TRYING TO PROTECT YUU FROM THE MILITARY TOP BRASS...
HEY, KIMIDZUKI, YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR.

IT'S ALRIGHT, MICCHAN.
.....
YOU'RE REALLY GENTLE COMPARED TO YOUR LOOKS, KIMIDZUKI
YOU ALSO THINK ABOUT YOUR SISTER
DO YOU SHARE THE SAME VIEW, YOICHI?
YOU WERE TORTURED TOGETHER BY THE HIIRAGI FAMILY, WEREN'T YOU?
I'VE ALREADY BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS WITH YOICHI
UM... I...

WE'RE COMRADES,
AREN'T WE...?
...THAT'S RIGHT.
I WANT US TO BE
AT THE VERY LEAST
THAT'S WHY...
I STILL THINK THAT YOU'RE KEEPING THIS A SECRET FROM YUU
FOR HIS OWN SAKE, BUT...
BUT...
YOU ALSO WANT GIVE HIM THE WHOLE PICTURE.
DON'T YOU.
YEAH.

ONCE YUU WAKES UP, LET'S TALK ABOUT EVERYTHING.
NOT ONLY ABOUT YUU,
BUT US, AS COMRADES.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT EVERYTHING.


BLOOD.
TERRIBLY THIRSTY.
I'M THIRSTY.
LET ME SUCK
HUMAN BLOOD...

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...SHIT...
THIS IS PAIN-FUL...
YUU...
AN IMPULSE HE CAN'T RESIST... WHAT IS MICHAELA'S FATE...!?